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ABSTRACT

This book presents a guide to syntax in the Hungarian language. It is intended for students and researchers working on syntax and those interested in Finno-Ugric languages. It describes the key grammatical features of the language, focusing on the phenomena that have proven to be theoretically the most relevant and that have attracted the most attention. The analysis of Hungarian in the generative framework since the late 1970s has helped to bring phenomena that are non-overt in the English language into the focus of syntactic research. The results of this analysis have been built into the hypotheses that currently make up universal grammar. This book explores issues currently at the center of theoretical debates, including the syntax and semantics of focus, the analysis of quantifier scope, and negative concord. The 10 chapters include the following: (1) "Introduction"; (2) "The Topic-Predicate Articulation of the Sentence"; (3) "The Minimal Predicate"; (4) "Focusing"; (5) "Quantification"; (6) "Negation"; (7) "The Noun Phrase"; (8) "The Postpositional Phrase"; (9) "Non-Finite and Semi-Finite Verb Phrases"; and (10) "The Subordinate Clause." (Contains 214 references.) (SM)

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